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## Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

January 21, 2002

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my full support of the recent antitrust case settlement between Microsoft and the US Department of Justice. Microsoft has been extremely helpful to the IT sector's growth over the years. It has even been helpful in weeding out inefficient companies that were run poorly. Yes, Microsoft at times exhibited aggression, but that is what our country dictates as necessary to achieve success in a free market.

Under the terms of the settlement Microsoft will be required to tone their marketing tactics down. They have agreed to disclose technological codes and protocols that will allow competitors to develop and promote products that are compatible with Windows' operating systems. They have also agreed to design future Windows' versions so that competitors can more easily promote their own products.

Please stop opposition from further hurting our country. We want this thing to come to an end ASAP.

Sincerely,

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